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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Csipkes et al. (U.S. Patent 6,188,402).

<u>Claim 1:</u> FIG. 1 discloses an apparatus (101) used in support of a procedure. The data which is illustrated in the screen displays of FIGS 4- 9 are stored in the memory of the assembly plant network computers connected to the computer (101) (col. 3, lines 8-13).

As seen in FIGS. 6(B) and FIG. 7, the memory includes performance support data. That data includes: (1) action data ("STEP 12" in FIG. 6B); (2) Resource Data ("Ensure excess wiring is clipped at ends after soldering" in FIG. 6B); (3) Reference data ("Terminal" button in FIG. 7 that allows user to connect to external computer system); (4) Procedure Data ("Make a 5 coil inductor 24 AWG black stripped and install at L19" in FIG. 6B); and (5) Assembly Data (image diagram on right side of display in FIG. 6B).

The processor is the processor in computer (101) which can retrieve data from the memory of the assembly plant network computers (col. 3, lines 8-13) and assemble the data into the displays of FIGS. 4-9, including FIGS. 6B and 7. The assembled data forms a graphical interface with which the user can interact. FIG. 7 illustrates an administrator interface.. The administrator interface can create or remove the data shown in FIGS. 4-9 by allowing a user to

login (create a display of data) or logoff (remove a display of data). The login and logoff is accomplished by the "New Operator" button (col. 7, lines 18-20).

Claim 2: The action data is an individual line of data. Any individual grouping of data is readable as a data object. The action data line describes one step in the procedure.

<u>Claim 3:</u> The resource data are lines of text in a text box. Any individual grouping of data is considered to be a data object.

Claim 4: The reference data is the radio button "Terminal" in FIG. 7. A radio button is readable as a data object. The "Terminal" button allows the user terminal (101) to call up the address of another computer in the network in order to communicate with that computer (col. 7, liens 15-18).

Claim 5: The procedure data is an individual grouping of data in FIG. 6B. An individual grouping of data is readable as a data object. The procedure data provides a series of instructions ("make a 5 coil inductor" and "install at L19").

Claim 6: The assembly data is the right portion of FIG. 6B. The assembly data includes two data objects (an image and a group of text adjacent the image). The assembly data visually represents the procedure.

Claim 7: The administrator interface is FIG. 7. It allows a user to create data objects by logging into the system and displaying those objects (using the "New Operator" button). It allows a user to terminate to those objects by logging off. The administrator interface of FIG. 7 is menu driven and includes a menu of choices.

<u>Claims 8-9:</u> Column 3, line 10 describes the first network as an assembly plant network, which would correlate to an intranet. Col. 3, line 11 further discloses "global downloading"

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which would require an Internet, since "global" data would originate outside of local assembly

plant network.

Claim 10: FIGS 6B and 7 are graphical user interfaces (GUIs) that permit user

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interaction. A GUI is, by definition, a user interface.

Claim 11: See remarks for claim 1.

<u>Claim 12:</u> The administrator interface is shown in FIG. 7. It includes multiple functions

activated by radio buttons.

Claim 13: See remarks for claim 10.

Claim 14: Any of the radio buttons in FIGS 6B and FIG. 7 activate user functions.

Claim 15: See remarks for claim 2.

Claim 16: See remarks for claim 3.

Claim 17: See remarks for claim 4.

Claim 18: See remarks for claim 5.

Claim 19: See remarks for claim 6.

Claim 20: See remarks for claim 7.

Claim 21: For the memory, processor and display, see remarks for claim 1. For the

action data, resource data, reference data, procedure data and assembly data, see remarks for

claims 2-6.

Remarks

Applicant's arguments have been considered.

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Applicant argues that Csipkes et al. lacks a menu driven environment operating in

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conjunction with a browser of the first network. Examiner maintains that FIG. 7 illustrates the

menu driven environment and that any of FIGS. 6(a), 6(b) or 7 constitute a browser.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing

date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sam Rimell at

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